Statement

Status of varions agreement

Agreement	Current Status of Negotiations
Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between ASEAN and India	Signed on 8-10-2003, Early Harvest Programme (EHP) will be implemented from 1-4-2005. The negotiations on FTA in goods, services and investment continues.
Framework Agreement for Establishing FTA between India and Thailand	Signed on 9-10-2003. EHP on 82 items has already been implemented. The negotiations on FTA in goods, services and investment continues.
Framework Agreement on the BIMST-EC FTA	Signed in Feb., 2004. The negotiations on FTA in goods, services and investment continues under the Trade Negotiations Committee.
Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) between India and Singapore	Negotiations are being held with Singapore for CECA. Ten rounds held so far, agreement expected to be signed shortly.
Framework Agreement on Economic Cooperation between India and Chile.	Signed on 20-1-2005. Negotiations for the conclusion of PTA are to begin shortly.
PTA with SACU countries	A Joint Working Group consisting of representatives from both sides formed to work out modalities of the agreement. Draft text of framework agreement finalised.
Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA) with Mauritius	A Joint Study Group (JSG) was constituted to study the modalities of the CECPA. A PTA framework could be considered as per the recommendation of JSG.

Export of agriculture products

2328. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDSUTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of agricultural products exported during the last three financial years;

(b) what is the total foreign exchange earned through such export from the country;

(c) what are the main products which are exported out of the country; and

(d) whether these exports affect the domestic market and availability of such products in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) The total quantity of agricultural products, excluding marine products, tea, coffee, cotton & castor oil, exported during the last three financial years is given below:

Year	Quantity (Million Tonnes)	Value (US$ Million)
2001-02	10.54	3934.34
2002-03	13.40	4589.18
2003-04	13.56	5177.81

(Source: DGCI&S)

(Quantity of some of the commodities is not available)

(c) Main products being exported are wheat, rice including basmati rice, fruits and vegetables, oil meals, cashew, spices, sugar, meat products etc.

(d) No, Sir.

Vacant posts of Joint Director (OL)

2329. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 6 out of 20 posts of Joint Director (OL) are lying vacant since long;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that the meeting of DPC has not been convened for the purpose; and

(c) by when Government propose to convene the DPC to fill the vacant posts of Joint Director (OL)?